

CLAIMS:

1. An information processing device, comprising:  
a decoder operable to decode encrypted data;  
a judging unit operable to judge whether said encrypted data has been properly decoded; and  
an output stop unit operable to stop the output of data from said decoder to a subsequent processing step when it is judged by said judging unit that said encrypted data has not been properly decoded.

2. The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an output unit operable to output to said subsequent processing step data indicating that said data output from said decoder is invalid when the output of said data from said decoder is stopped by said output stop unit.

3. The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when said judging unit judges that said encrypted data has been properly decoded after the output of said data from said decoder has been stopped by said output stop unit, the operation of said output stop unit is canceled after a predetermined time has elapsed, whereby the output of said data from said decoder is resumed.

4. An information processing method, comprising:  
decoding encrypted data;  
judging whether the encrypted data has been properly decoded; and  
stopping the output of data from the decoding step to a subsequent processing step when the judging step judges that the encrypted data has not been properly decoded.

5. The information processing method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising outputting to the subsequent processing step data indicating that the data output from the decoding step is invalid when the output of the data from the decoding step is stopped by the stopping step.

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6. The information processing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein, when the judging step judges that the encrypted data has been properly decoded after the output of the data from the decoding step has been stopped by the stopping step, the stopping step is cancelled after a predetermined time has elapsed, whereby the output of the data from the decoding step is resumed.

7. A recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program for information processing, the program comprising:

decoding encrypted data;

judging whether the encrypted data has been properly decoded; and

stopping the output of data from the decoding step to a subsequent processing step when the judging step judges that the encrypted data has not been properly decoded.

8. The recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program as claimed in claim 7, wherein the program further comprises outputting to the subsequent processing step data indicating that the data output from the decoding step is invalid when the output of the data from the decoding step is stopped by the stopping step.

9. The recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program as claimed in claim 7, wherein, when the judging step judges that the encrypted data has been properly decoded after the output of the data from the decoding step has been stopped by the stopping step, the stopping step is cancelled after a predetermined time has elapsed, whereby the output of the data from the decoding step is resumed.